

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



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STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Flash Flood Warnings in Effect for Southern Fairfield and Northwestern Litchfield Counties...

At 10:45 AM radar showed a band of moderate to heavy rain (with rainfall rates up to 1 - 2" per hour) moving through Southwestern and Western Connecticut. This band of rain (broken at times) stretches from Western Connecticut down the East Coast to the Carolina's. Soils are fully saturated in Northwestern Connecticut as a result of heavy rainfall last evening and significant urban and small stream flooding is possible as this band of heavy rainfall crosses through Litchfield County during the next 2 hours. The NWS has issued a Flash Flood Warning until 3:45 PM for Northwestern Litchfield County. Towns are strongly advised to closely monitor streams and rivers that are vulnerable to flooding and be prepared for significant urban flooding.

Another strong thunderstorm within this band is moving along the coast of Fairfield County and the NWS has also issued a Flash Flood Warning for Southern Fairfield County until 12:30 PM. Urban areas along the coast may also experience significant urban flooding.

The heavy rainfall associated with this band may continue for much of the day as the band slowly moves from West to East through the state. Other showers and thunderstorms are also likely to pop-up anywhere in the state this afternoon. Flood Watches remain in effect for Litchfield and Hartford Counties for today.

This is a potentially serious situation and towns should report any significant flood damage to their DEMHS Regional Offices as time permits. DEMHS will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out another update at 1:00 PM.